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Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of time for a period of two months to respond to the Office Action mailed on January 21, 2003. A Response to the Office Action in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested is filed herewith.

The fee for a one month extension of time is \$410.00. Please charge this fee and any additional extension fee required or credit any excess fee paid to Deposit Account Number 16-1885. A duplicate copy of this petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted.

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